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## ***Amendment***

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(As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A")

### ***"AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FINANCE."***

1 "Sec. 501. Subdivision (9) of subsection (d) of section 7-473c of the  
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

4 (9) In arriving at a decision, the arbitration panel shall give priority  
5 to the public interest and the financial capability of the municipal  
6 employer, including consideration of other demands on the financial  
7 capability of the municipal employer. There shall be an irrebuttable  
8 presumption that a budget reserve of fifteen per cent or less is not  
9 available for payment of the cost of any item subject to arbitration  
10 under this chapter. The panel shall further consider the following  
11 factors in light of such financial capability: (A) The negotiations  
12 between the parties prior to arbitration; (B) the interests and welfare of  
13 the employee group; (C) changes in the cost of living; (D) the existing  
14 conditions of employment of the employee group and those of similar

15 groups; and (E) the wages, salaries, fringe benefits, and other  
16 conditions of employment prevailing in the labor market, including  
17 developments in private sector wages and benefits."